Systems Integration and Alignment Committee meeting Wednesday, June 13th, 2012 1:00pm – 3:00 pm 33 W. Monroe, Chicago – 24th Floor

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Mission: The Systems Integration and Alignment Committee will work to improve coordination, integration, and sustainability across early childhood programs and systems to address the comprehensive nature of children's healthy development and readiness for school. The Committee will identify external tables and other ELC Committees and Workgroups to ensure work is informed and coordinated

Meeting Minutes

1) Welcome and Introductions

Meeting Participants: Karen Berman (Co-Chair), Vanessa Rich (Co-Chair), Christy Serrano (Staffer), Gina Ruther, Trish Rooney, Michele Carmichael, Christine Ryan, Allen Rosales, Lynette Chandler, Donna Nylander, Meryl Prochaska (for Amy Zimmerman), Nancy Radner, Angela Hubbard, Granada Williams, Kevin Settle, Jodi Scott, Artishia Hunter, Amber Kirchhoff, Teresa Hawley, Reyna Hernandez, Paula Conte, Madelyn James, Ellen Walsh, Carolyn Newberry-Schwartz

2) Review/Introduce ELC governance and structure

Karen Berman and Vanessa Rich, Co-Chairs, share that the Systems Integration and Alignment Committee (to be referred as 'Committee' for the remainder of this document) is a new Committee under the Early Learning Council and is in the position of defining new work. As a Committee, the next steps include deciding how to house the work under the Committee and defining leadership roles for specific areas of work under the Committee.

Further, Co-Chairs discuss how it will be important to think about prioritizing issues and tangible pieces of work that can be moved forward through public/private partnerships with the goal of having meaningful influence on policies affecting early childhood systems. There is also a revived commitment for identifying work that is being done within the ELC structure and at external tables, and in building a Committee structure that is most inclusive. This understanding is a critical condition for building relationships in order to accomplish the early childhood systems integration and alignment across sectors.

3) Review Committee Work Plan

Co-Chairs share that the Committee will need to submit our Committee work plan to the Governor's office by June 18, 2012. A draft Committee work plan has been distributed to all Systems Integration and Alignment Committee members, and the Committee will spend most of the remainder of the meeting reviewing the draft work plan as a group in order to solicit feedback and to make changes to the work plan as appropriate. Currently, some work areas under the Committee will remain housed on the Committee level until resources and opportunity allow the convening of

work groups to work towards specific deliverables. Hence, specific action steps will still be developed and adapted to the work plan past June 18, 2012.

The Co-Chairs deliver a brief overview of how the Committee leadership decided to define and prioritize the work under the Systems Integration and Alignment Committee. Reyna Hernandez, ISBE Liaison, reiterates that the work has been defined broadly because the Committee still needs to address which areas of work can be worked on immediately, with the appropriate amount of resources and expertise, and which areas of work are still being defined at other tables and may not need our commitment in the immediate future. For now, the Committee needs to provide some level of detail about our work to the Governor's office with the understanding that some of the work will change depending on what is feasible and most effective for improving child and family outcomes.

Based on feedback from the Committee members following the meeting, Staffer Christy Serrano edited several of the work plan's objectives and action steps, including supplementing work objectives with other complementary and relevant objectives and editing the wording of specific work goals and action steps.

4) Next Steps

Staffer, Christy Serrano, will continue to collect feedback from Committee members and make edits to the Systems Integration and Alignment Work Plan as appropriate. Christy Serrano will also send out a Work Interest Survey to all Committee members in order to gather information on member's work preferences and priorities under the Systems Integration and Alignment Committee. The Work Interest Survey will also collect members' suggestions of external tables that the Committee should connect with in moving our work forward and of individuals that could potentially contribute to the work of the Committee but are not currently participating on the Committee.

The Committee will be hosting a Health Stakeholders meeting on July 17, 2012 with early childhood professionals, agency representatives, and other medical and advocate professionals in the health arena in order to begin the work of identifying issues and strategies to ensure that health is an integrated and coordinated component across all early childhood systems. All Committee members are welcome to participate and are asked to contact Christy Serrano if they, or someone they know, would be interested in attending the Health Stakeholders meeting.

We anticipate holding our next meeting in Fall 2012.

Handouts: SIAC Meeting Agenda; ELC structure diagram; ELC mission, vision, guiding principles; and SIAC work plan